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SUBJECT: LONDON COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT  
IN PAKISTAN (CONT.)

REF: LONDON 732

1. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS COMMITTEE, ONE OF ITS SPONSORS EVIDENTLY HAS REFERRED PUBLICLY TO THE EMBASSY IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ACTIVITIES.

2. LAST NOVEMBER 22 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE'S CHIEF BRITISH PROMOTER, PUBLISHER CLAUD MORRIS (NOT CLAUD ROSS, AS INCORRECTLY NAMED IN REFTEL). THIS LETTER INVITED THE AMBASSADOR TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 24. AN EMBASSY OFFICER ANSWERED THIS LETTER ON NOVEMBER 25 IN THE FOLLOWING NON-COMMITTAL LANGUAGE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE:  
DEAR MR. MORRIS:  
THE AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE ON HIS BEHALF RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 21, IN WHICH YOU INFORMED HIM OF THE INITIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 24 OF  
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THE LONDON COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, AND NOTED THAT PAKISTAN IS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE MIGHT TURN ITS ATTENTION. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS EMBASSY IS THE CONDUCT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND IT IS THUS ABLE TO DEVOTE RELATIVELY LITTLE PERSONNEL TIME TO ASIAN MATTERS. AS I AM SURE YOU ALSO KNOW,

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOES MAINTAIN A POLICY  
OF GREAT CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANY COUNTRY.  
SINCERELY YOURS, (SIGNATURE) END QUOTE

4. THERE THE MATTER RESTED UNTIL LAST WEEK WHEN THE  
EMBASSY DCM RECEIVED FROM PAKISTANI DCM MIRZA AN  
EXTRACT FROM THE JANUARY 20 ISSUE OF THE DAILY MILATT,  
AN URDU NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN LONDON. ACCORDING TO THE  
PAKISTANI EMBASSY, THIS NEWS ITEM WHEN TRANSLATED INTO  
ENGLISH READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE MR. CLAUD  
MORRIS SAID THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH HIS COMMIT-  
TEE AND EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR  
SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT  
THAT MR. CLAUD MORRIS WILL PREPARE AFTER HIS VISIT TO  
PAKISTAN, SO THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR COULD  
CONVEY THESE CONCLUSIONS TO HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO. END  
QUOTE

5. WE INFORMED THE PAKISTANI DCM THAT THE AMBASSADOR  
HAD HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE MORRIS COMMITTEE, AND  
EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT OUR NON-COMMITTAL LETTER IN  
RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION HAD  
EVIDENTLY BEEN TWISTED BY MORRIS OR THE URDU PAPER.

6. SINCE WE CANNOT READ URDU, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO  
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OBTAIN FROM THE FCO AN INDEPENDENT TRANSLATION OF THE  
ARTICLE IN QUESTION.

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